

# Student Council Presents Resolutions

The following article is the text and resolutions of the Student Council. These resolutions were passed unanimously by the Student Council and submitted to the administration for consideration.

Recently, the Student Council has been engaged in an attempt to uncover and report the grievances of the students. Through meetings of the individual high school classes, we have attempted to give all the students a chance to voice their complaints with the hope that the Student Council might be able to do something about these complaints.

Most of the grievances may be regarded by some as rather petty and inconsequential. However, in regard to the corrections and improvements of these faults that the students have seen, there is a greater question. This is a question of the very fundamental principles of our educational system: of allowing a mature and intelligent student to be given some responsibility and freedom in governing his own affairs. Responsibility and freedom are basic concepts of a semi-democratic form of education. Hopefully, the Student Council at MBA may be able to function as a student government—functioning as a liaison between students and administration, improving irksome conditions of student life, and giving the students a responsible voice in school affairs.

The various complaints cover a wide and diverse field. From the suggestion of the sophomores that we have a "funny dress day" to that of the juniors that we have "licks" in place of demerits. Rather

than list all these individually, we have chosen to consolidate the grievances into a series of resolutions, passed unanimously by the Student Council, but of course, ineffective without further support from the administration and faculty. These resolutions are not an attack upon those principles of MBA which we consider valuable, but instead, a serious attempt to improve what we see as certain weaknesses in the school. May we reiterate that these resolutions and all previous and future grievances will result in inaction unless the Student Council is given a voice in determining student affairs. Therefore, that is our first and most important resolution.

Following are the resolutions of the Student Council based upon a comprehensive knowledge of the problems and complaints of the students. We ask that they be considered separately on the basis of their individual merit, not allowing the fate of all to depend upon the impracticality of one:

1.) The hair and dress code should be placed in the hands of the Student Council for reform and later enforcement. The hair question is an area of major disagreement for an overwhelming majority of the students. Foreseeably, the length would be liberalized within reasonable limits—along the lines of the "moderate" hair length allowed by such schools as McCallie and Episcopal. We recognize the importance of neat, clean, gentlemanly appearance.

2.) The demerit code should be re-evaluated, and possible reformed, due to complaints from the

students: that some of the offenses for which demerits are given need re-evaluation; that demerits are sometimes given to certain students but not to others for similar offenses; and that the method of serving demerits is trivial. There have been suggestions of a merit system to replace the demerit system.

3.) Realizing that mandatory athletics are in many ways beneficial and essential, but in other ways unrealistic and unnecessary, we make the following suggestions: (1.) that the value of certain athletic programs be studied and evaluated; (2.) that the gym might possibly be used for in-school athletics for high school students during the spring and fall seasons; (3.) that all high school students be allowed a season "off."

4.) A study should be made of the advantages versus disadvantages of expanding the curriculum to include new courses in music, philosophy, the sciences, religion, or any others that have student support.

5.) The advisor/advisee system should be re-organized so as to be more useful and more meaningful to the students.

6.) An extension of the ideas of the Honor System should be instituted to allow the individual student more responsibility, such as no library "check in" system and voluntary study halls. Admittedly, this responsibility would have to be withdrawn from those few students who are too irresponsible or immature to handle it.

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### Parking Privilege Restored

by Peter Oldham

Wednesday, December 20 will not only be remembered by the juniors as the last day at school before Christmas vacation. At 12:30, as the juniors left school, Vine Street Christian Church parking lot became a rubber and smoke-filled peeling ground. Several juniors, joyous with being out of school, "left rubber" in the parking lot which nearly resulted in Dr. Bell's being run over as he went out to catch the offenders.

The next day during an 8:30 special junior class meeting, Mr. Carter informed all drivers that the privilege of using the Vine Street lot had been removed, leaving the school in a dilemma. Mr. Carter told the class that they would have to park their cars along Harding Road since no other suitable place was available.

However, the juniors decided that Brighton Road was much better and safer than Harding. Brighton became a one lane road

with two lanes of parked cars on each side. The neighborhood traffic complaints, however, ceased after four days.

After the snow holidays, the juniors were informed that the parking privilege had been restored. Three rules, moreover, were restored: all cars must stop at the road when exiting to Montgomery Bell Avenue, cars shall not park on the kindergarten play area, and no reckless driving.

The restoration of the parking privilege is, in part, due to the junior class officers who visited Dr. Bell and convinced him that reckless driving would not become a habit in the lot. Dr. Bell then cleared the restoration through a church committee, and perhaps with a little reluctance, the parking area was once again loaned to the school.

Thanks should go to the junior class officers, Mr. Carter, and Dr. Bell for allowing the sophomore and junior drivers to park in an easily accessible and safe place.



School's out! . . . for one day

### Open House: Visitors View Student Art

People attending the opening exhibition (Dec. 10) of M.B.A.'s new Art and Speech building were well rewarded with both a talent-laden art exhibit and good news from the forensic arena.

The art exhibit contained works by sixty-six M.B.A. students and several alumni and friends. When questioned about the value of art, several artists at the exhibit gave interesting answers. For example, Dr. Thomas Pennington, a wood-carver, spoke of "the discipline required to translate the creative spark into concrete artistic form."

Another artist, who begs anonymity, compared a good artistic sensibility with that of Sherlock Holmes whose "faculty of efficient perception allows him to appreciate the world's beauty." All the artists agreed that the building was a tremendous asset to M.B.A.'s program.

Besides the art exhibit, the new forensic room was on display. The year so far has been a successful one. John Bow became the first M.B.A. student to earn the First Speaker Award at a college debate tournament, and Mrs.

Ridgway, forensic coach, anticipates further success in the winter.

The Art and Speech Building was made possible by the M.B.A. Auxiliary and the M.B.A. Fathers Club. The furnishings for the art room were a gift of Mr. and Mrs. Rogers Morrison. Special wood sculpture tools were given by Dr. Thomas Pennington.



### Money Pledged for MBA use

Two significant monetary contributions were pledged to M.B.A. in recent weeks. The first came with the announcement that M.B.A. will share with Harpeth Hall in a \$350,000 memorial trust fund established by the family of the late Rascoe B. Davis, a Nashville coal company executive who died October 5, 1972. The Davis family, long-time friends of both schools stipulated that each school is to use half its proceeds for general purposes and half for Rascoe Davis Scholarships.

Secondly, Dr. Kirby Jackson, a University of Alabama professor, named M.B.A. and Vanderbilt University sole beneficiaries in his will.

### Seniors Get Early Decision

Several M.B.A. seniors have been accepted by colleges through Early Decisions, a process by which the applicant pledges to attend a university if accepted early in his senior year. The students and their schools are as follows:

Ken Frasure, Dick Jones, Bill Shell, Sam Tinsley, and John Wampler - Vanderbilt; Jerry Brannon, Howard Frost - Virginia; Steve Moll - Tulane; and Mark Parsons - University of the South.

## PEACE

### MBA Acquires Computer Rights

In the last month, MBA acquired the use of the computing facilities at Vanderbilt. By way of a time-sharing terminal, all seniors and those juniors in physics and advanced math will have access to the Xerox Data Systems (XDS) Sigma 7 computer.

No specific courses in computer technology are scheduled, for the acquisition was made merely to acquaint the students with the function and operation of computers.

Remote access is available to the Sigma 7 via time-sharing terminals. For this service, MBA will pay \$200 per computer-hour

for use of the central processing unit, \$3.00 per connect-hour, and a basic charge of \$85 per month. Estimates on the total cost to the school range from \$100 to over \$300. MBA is still not sure from where the money will come.

At present, the remote access terminal, whose appearance is similar to that of a fancy typewriter, is in the library. Teachers will be the first to learn to use the machine, and then seniors and certain juniors. Already the student body has shown great interest in learning to operate the computer, and it must certainly be considered an important asset to the school.



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## Give SC a chance

by Rick Ownbey

Two momentous decisions—pencil sharpeners and an extended privilege. When the administration sarcastically comments about Student Council decisions, it is, perhaps unwittingly, declaring the lack of respect for Student Council decisions by the administration, faculty, and students.

Admittedly, the Student Council has power in discipline problems, but without serious infringements or compiling of demerits, the Student Council is rather impotent. If the demerit system were abolished, would the Student Council function also be nonexistent?

Perhaps, in the past, the Council has simply abdicated the authority it has been given. Is student government actually powerless? Does the triviality of pencil sharpeners reflect the uselessness of the Council?

With the help and co-operation of the administration, the Student Council can assume a more mature and responsible position in school affairs.

Unlike the Honor Council, which was given specific responsibility in respect to lying, cheating, or stealing, the Student Council has broad, vague authority: try to find a Student Council constitution.

In its broadness, this authority may be considered powerful, but in its vagueness, all supposed power becomes essentially nonexistent.

Students ask, "What is the Student Council doing?" and a common answer is "What can it do?" Well I hope that the Student Council, if allowed, can assume a more important role in the school's affairs, in student activities on campus, and in regulations concerning the students.

## A Simple Desultory Philippic

by Rick Ownbey

One semester over. A new year. A time for evaluating the past. One. Seventeen years and what have I accomplished?

As I fill out college applications and people ask or advise me on where to go, I find many questions. Who has the answers?

I talk to people, but I cannot relate my feelings. How can someone else understand me? Do I understand myself? Do I want to, can I, should I? Does anyone understand?

I study for tests. Why? To learn, to get a grade, because I must. All of the above, none of the above.

I go to school and stay relatively sane and straight (What does that mean?). Why? How? Am I prepared for future life? How can I or anyone tell? They can't. No one can see the future; who would want to?

In the past, I have lived; is that enough? *Qui sais?* (or is it *Connais?*) Who cares? I live, I have lived, I will live: seventh grade English. "To be, or not to be": twelfth grade English.

I have asked questions? Does anyone have the answers? If so, will I listen; will their answers answer my questions? Am I sane? Is anyone sane? Does it matter?

Yes, I hope it matters. I hope I and others care. Why? Why not? Because? Things get better, worse, or end: all of the above, none of the above: SAT, ACT, NEDT, PSAT, NMSQT, IQ.

As English has taught, or drilled into me, man can think, feel, and act. Are any of these real? If reality is an illusion, is illusion reality? Yes, no, maybe?

This (indef. ref.) has been stupid. But what is stupid or

momentous? Am I saying (or properly, writing?) that each of us must think, feel, and act because that is all we can do? The past is gone; the future unknown. What I write now is past, what I will write I do not (don't) know. Like Hamlet (Like the way I brought in Hamlet? No? Too bad. Who cares? I do, you should.), man must realize he cannot control the effect (or affect, or both) of his actions. This paragraph is too long.

I can only act, on the basis of thoughts and feelings (T. S. Eliot: dissociation of sensibility) With some regard for others. Why? Because I must: existential?

If you have read this far, you are (notice indef. ref. of pro.) as crazy as I am. But who is crazy? There is little difference between insanity and genius. Sanity is an opinion. Try to care. Do not (a sermon) let idealism or concern end in cynicism. Why not? I don't know! It sounds right. The End. *Fin.* The beginning.

## Summer in Spain offered

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## Random Thoughts on the Old Year

by Don Dubuison

By now most of you have gotten over the Christmas blues. You have carefully hidden away all unwanted gifts such as purple and green angora socks, after shave lotion that looks, smells and probably works as well as kaopetate, cuff links with an engraved picture of Woodrow Wilson eating lunch, and so on. You have probably gotten over the New Year's hang-over and repaired that hole in the window where an untamed sky rocket drilled its path. And you have gotten over the stayed-up-all-night-in-order-to-flunk-e x a m s blues. So, while you are remembering all of these great times, I would like to return to 11:59 December 31, 1972. What was going through your brain besides that six pack of whatever? If you are even the least bit normal, or if you were even awake, memories of the year 1972 probably raced into your mind along with hopes for 1973. So for you nostalgia freaks and for you who were not awake, here are some fleeting thoughts that came into my mind:

The Godfather, Richard M. Nixon, Clockwork Orange, Fiddler On The Roof, Deliverance, Straw Dogs, dogs and cats, hot-dogs, pigs, Fascist pigs, Rudy's sausage, the dinner bell, Slaughterhouse Five, 1776, Super-fly, Fly, flies, "Hi I'm Gayle, Fly Me!", Dr. Phibes, Dr. Phibes Rises Again, The Return of Dr. Phibes, Planet Of The Apes, Return Of The Planet Of The Apes, bananas, Bananas, Everything You Wanted To Know About Sex But Were Afraid To Ask, Who's Afraid Of Virginia Woolf, Nicholas and Alexandra, Liz and Dick, David and Julie, Pat and Dick, Spazky and Fischer, Rod Gallella and Jackie McGovern and Eagleton, Nixon and Agnew, Bremer and Wallace, Hughes and Irving, Irving and Nina, Me and Mrs. Jones, Alka Seltzer to settle your stomach, Try It You'll Like It, you like it-it likes you, Ling-

Ling and Hsing-Hsing, Johnny and Edgar, Sonny and Cher, Crosby, Stills, Nash and Young and Taylor and Delaney and Bonnie and Friends and Clapton and Carlos and Buddy, Young, Mattingly and Duke, Schmitt, Evans, and Cernan, Apollo 17, ABM, SALT, NFL, NLF, NBA, SST, ITT, POW's, B-52, 747, IRA, C-5A, \$1,000,000,000, 24900 US Troops, 650 dead Irishmen, 21 children per couple, Open Marriage, A New Chastity, vasectomies, The Sensuous Woman, The Sensuous Male, Sex and The Single Man, Oui, "It's not nice to fool with mother nature!", I'm O.K. You're O.K., The Transformation, Fire in the Lake, A Nation of Strangers, August 1914 by Alexander Solzhenitsyn, Gerald "Little Milton" Bostock, "teach him to play Monopoly and how to sing in the rain", "Singing In The Rain", "Rainy Day Woman", "Rain", "Old Brown Shoe", "Bangladesh"

Quangtr, Hangchow, Moscow, Watergate, Washington, Munich, Sapporo, Buffalo Creek, Hurricane Agnes, Liz, Liza, Sandy, Olga, Maude, Women's Lib, Gay Lib, Libbys Libbys Libbys, Riva Ridge, Bobby Hall, Mark Spitz, Vince Matthews, Duane Bobick, Dan Gable, Eddie Hart and Ray Robinson, Jim Ryun, Steve Prefontaine, Rick DeMont, Bob Seagren, Nicholas Zorvas, Charlie Smith, John Goddard, Henry Kissinger, Bobby Lee Hunter, Bobby, Ben, Marjoe, Coco, coco, James Coco, Hersey's cocoa, Yoko, joko, Joko Press, "Woman Is The Nigger Of The World," nigger, chink, gook, kraut, spade, jungle bunny, ruskies, jews, micks, spics, wops, polacks, reds, whites, blacks, greens and blues, The Blues, "I Got Dem Ol' Blues," Moody Blues, Lady Sings The Blues, V.D. Blues, Bell Bottom Blues, bell bottoms, flares, halter tops, tank tops, bare tops, braless, "No Visible Means Of Support," bums, snobs, grits, necks, fists, firsts, lasts, "Things go better

with Coke," cocaine, heroin, grass, pot, weed, red devils, blue devils, yellow jackets, speckled birds, beanie's, dixies, pixies, fags, fairies, Red Fox, Peter Falk, David Frost, Dick Cavett, Johnny Carson, "Now, Here's Johnny," John Lindsay, Humphrey, Chisholm, Kennedy, Shriver, Muskie, Jackson, Eagleton, No skeletons in the closet, "I'm an alligator, I'm a mama-papa coming for you," David Bowie, John Lennon, George Harrison, The Byrds, and The Bee Gees, the Stones, Lem Russell, Poco, Nitty Gritty Dirt Band, Eagles, Procul Harum, Alice Coper, Paul McCartney, Jethro Tull and the Non-Rabbit, Goose Creek, Dr. Hook "Freakin' at the Freaker's Ball", Yes, Nilsson Schmilsson, Bob Dylan, Arlo Guthrie, Randy Newman, "Simon Smith and the Amazing Dancing Bear", the Band, Elvis and Rick are back, the Who, the Allman Brothers, Duane Allman, Harry S. Truman, Ezra Pound, "Bye Bye American Pie", killing, bugging, skyjacking, searching, losing, finding, wanting, starving, desolution, pollution, restitution, solution, prostitution, resolution, confusion, recession, depression, inflation, demonstration, inspection, selection, dejection, and introspection, illustration, visitation, "Dick and Pat Visit The Great Wall of China", and "We're All Water", Premier Chow En-lai and Brezhnev, Angela Davis, Bells Abzug, Jack Anderson, and Charlie Chaplin. "The circus is in town", the jester, the fool, the King, the Queen of Hearts, God Save the King, God Save Your Soul, "Life is like a beanstalk isn't it my son-". I didn't use my antiperspirant today, and I may not tomorrow. "You may be the last to know . . ." seven gold medals, "Five years to live, what a surprise", four more years, thirteen-year locusts, February 29, leap year, what a year, no more time to fear, "Don't cry old man, don't cry, Everybody dies" . . . . .

## New Feature

# Alumni News

We would like to make this a regular section of this newspaper in order to inform not only other alumni, but also MBA students about significant alumni news. To do so, however, requires the co-operation of the alumni. Please send anything interesting which an alumnus is doing to the BELL RINGER c/o MBA.

John C. Roberts, class of '49, was killed in an airplane accident in Ft. Walton, Florida. A major in the Air Force, he had four tours of duty in Vietnam; he was buried in Pensacola National Cemetery.

Robin Beard, class of '57, was elected as the United States Representative from the Sixth District.

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Bill Wade, class of '48, and Tommy Owen, ex-head football coach of MBA, were mentioned as possible replacements for Bill Pace as head football coach at Vanderbilt. Bill Wade is currently a vice-president at Third National Bank; Tommy Owen is an assistant coach for Vanderbilt.

Gordon Peerman, class of '69, is the current president of the Honor Committee at the University of Virginia.

Norvell Rose, class of '70, was recently elected to the University of Virginia's Judiciary Committee.

tee, which tries cases not pertaining to honor.

Bruce Crabtree, class of '69, has returned to MBA after graduating from Washington University in St. Louis. He will help in the Math Department and Library.

Thomas Benjamin Sims, who attended MBA during the 1910's, died recently. Sims wrote the scripts for radio's *Amos 'n Andy* for eight years, *Bringing Up Father*, *Tom and Jerry*, and wrote for national magazines. He also created the character of *Wimpy* for the *Popeye* comic strip.

Everett Holzapfel

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Every passing hour brings the Solar System forty-three thousand miles closer to Globular Cluster M13 in Hercules—and still there are some misfits who insist that there is no such thing as progress.

Random K. Fern  
from Kurt Vonnegut's *Sirens of Titan*  
**A MODEST PROPOSAL**

In light of some of the recent rumblings of dissent and dissatisfaction heard upon the Hill, I would like to come out at this time in favor of a re-evaluation of our system. From dress code to discipline, from curriculum to student government—MBA is going to the dogs; we need a firm hand to save us.

The dress code question is the most often abused. How many times have I seen with watchful eyes a pair of blue denim pants slip by? And to think, yesterday one of our most illustrious students made it through the day with a pair of tennis shoes! Vanity of vanities! Where will this end? If allowed to continue unprohibited, think what it would lead to—blue jeans (Horror!), army jackets—all in all we shall become (Ugh!) hippies.

And the hair—it is almost unspeakable to think how far the liberties have gone. Where have all the good crewcuts of old gone? Where are our trusty jars of Butch wax and tubes of Brylcreem? In their stead we have that effeminate, long wavy hair. If allowed to continue, we shall soon have hair over the ears like a bunch of baboons. Are we men or are we sheepdogs? (Rather, I think we may be sheep.) So long-hairs beware, and earbers start your clippers. These are the times that try men's souls. The summer short hair and the sunshine redneck must in this crisis come to the aid of their school rules. No longer will we endure these radical long-hairs which have sprouted on that scalp which is our beloved MBA.

But the greatest crisis is our curriculum. It is indeed a tragedy stronger discipline. Our lax demerit system (Oh, for the good old days when there were demerits aplenty, and everyone returned on Saturday) must be strengthened. This crazy permissiveness is breeding a bunch of young hooligans. By giving the students so much freedom, we are undermining our very system. So let's hear it for demerits. In the future we might even go back to licks—that'd show that crazy Dr. Spock.

But the greatest crises is our curriculum. It is indeed a tragedy when we allow young men to take such sissy subjects as art, psychology, and economics. This watering of the curriculum will end in ruin for us all. Our college board scores will drop; the very foundations of the school will crumble. So now, before it is too late, do away with all these girlish subjects—back to the courses that will make men of us: Greek, Latin, Pupilistics.

As a result of all these liberal trends at MBA, the student government has become too powerful. Think of it, students actually beginning to question our rules, beginning to seek a voice in their own affairs. So I say, dissolve the Student Council and expel those leaders who give the students those high-sounding ideas of democracy, responsibility, and freedom.

Your school is in crisis. We need help. All level-headed men come to the rescue—shave a long-hair's head, put him into a clean-cut suit (none of these drug-addicting bell bottoms), and fight for the movement to abolish the sissy courses. But above all, make sure no student is given any freedom or responsibility—it will be the downfall of us all.

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## MULTI-FACETED MEDLIN JOINS MBA

by John Brooks

"Other people are the most important experience of my life," said Mr. Ron Medlin in a recent interview with the *Bell Ringer*. Listening to the twenty-six year old M.B.A. English and French teacher talk about his life, one indeed senses the depth and diversity of his human experiences.

Raised in a West Nashville Baptist home, Medlin excelled at Hillwood High School both as a scholar and an athlete: he played four varsity sports, making All-City teams in baseball and football; earned National Senior Honor Society membership; won several Latin medals; and served as president of the student body as a senior.

Although offered numerous athletic and academic scholarships from large universities, Mr. Medlin instead attended Carson-Newman College (on football scholarship), mainly because of its strong Baptist leanings. In what he considers to be a rich and significant outgrowth of his interest in other persons, he married Miss Brenda Bennett in his senior year.

At Carson-Newman, Medlin en-

countered an unexpected diversity in religious beliefs which stimulated his already strong interest in theology. Thus, after receiving his B.A. (majoring in English), he pursued a Masters of Divinity at Southeastern Seminary.

In Geneva, Switzerland, Medlin completed his Masters program on scholarship at the Graduate School of Ecumenical Studies, also known as the Chateau de Bossey. In what he describes as "the most stimulating experience in my life," Medlin lived for four and a half months, (from October of '71 to February of '72), with fellow students and professors from over thirty different countries. All Christian faiths and political beliefs were represented. Ideological confrontations were frequent and sometimes irreconcilable. Medlin discovered a frequent antipathy towards foreign U.S. business interests and her Vietnam involvement. Conversely, students from Communist countries were questioned about Russia's invasion of Czechoslovakia and her general stifling of free speech, travel and the arts.

The most divisive conflicts were not of an East versus West nature. "This was so," Medlin

explains, "because none of the Iron Curtain students were members of the Communist Party. They were thus more interested in apolitical matters such as religion than they were in Communist doctrines. In fact, I found that only a small minority of all Eastern Europeans are Party members." Furthermore, intellectual differences scarcely hindered the prevalent friendships among students.

The experience in Geneva strengthened Mr. Medlin's convictions "about the one thing on which I am dogmatic: that no one can know the whole truth about matters of social custom, religion, and politics, and that tolerance of others' feelings is an absolute necessity for meaningful human relationships."

After completing his studies, Mr. Medlin discovered Europe for two months in a VW Bus. Throughout his European experience, he sensed more of a "joy of life, a greater appreciation for the arts, and a greater tolerance for others than exists in the U.S."

He returned to Nashville in the summer of '72 and encountered his first experience with formal teaching and coaching at M.B.A. In the classroom, Mr. Medlin strives for two goals which he considers essential to education: "First, the student must develop critical thinking ability—not just the ability to regurgitate facts—but to think critically about himself and about what something means and why."

"Secondly, education should teach sensitivity to other persons. When I was once serving in a church in Rocky Mount, North Carolina, I constantly saw cruelty and insensitivity among people. And often the people who most need companionship are the most neglected and misunderstood."

Indeed, it seems that as a teacher Mr. Medlin strives to educate students, through critical thought and sensitivity, for the most important experience of their lives—other persons.



Coach Medlin directs charges.

## Opry Mystique Probed

by Tom Delvaux

On Broadway, from 6th to 2nd Avenue, you may find a menagerie of record stores, gift shops, souvenir stands, and other assorted music shops, plus a bus station from which buses depart every so often to tour the houses and guitar-shaped pools of country music stars.

It is a gigantic collection of musical trivia about which most of us at M.B.A. do not care to be concerned. Indeed, it is a somewhat frightening experience to confront not only summer's sidewalk heat and blinding glare but also the people of Broadway: a 20 year old, white haired lady; a fat grandmother wearing a short skirt and white boots; young dudes with Presley's hair, skin-tight blue jeans and cowboy boots; a tourist whose orange knee socks and flowered shirt reveal that he does not smoke Camels.

Why is Broadway a mecca for all these people? The answer lies

a few steps from Broadway in a somewhat dilapidated building called the Opry House. If you want something different, go there on a Friday or Saturday night; it is quite an experience!

The red-bricked Opry House looks like an old country church, minus a steeple. Indeed, the seats are like the pews of a church. The similarity, however, ends there. The interior is a large, dimly-lit room made entirely of wood. You get the impression that you are in a theatre of the 1890's that has been closed for many years and has just now been re-opened.

Imagine, if you can, a large auditorium built in the fashion of M.B.A.'s concession stand. As you walk toward your seat, you see a broken window pane replaced with cardboard. You hear the hissing of a steam radiator. You are annoyed at the balcony-supporting posts which will probably block your view. On the stage you observe the background of a painted barn that seems to be designed by the art director of a second rate high school play. All of this does not fit the image of the Opry as a multi-million dollar business. A sense of disappointment is felt.

This feeling, however, ends as the music begins. The musicians are professionals and the sound is the best that country music can

offer. Like the Opry House, the performance also has its irregularities. As each performer appears, his fans wander casually to the front rows and take snapshots with their Instamatics. Like a series of one act plays, the show is divided up into thirty minute sections; each section has its own sponsor, such as Big Red Chewing Tobacco and Rudy's Farm Country Sausage. Between each section there are commercials which are for the large radio audience. The Opry audience, however, is able to listen to a scratchy recording of the Rudy's Sausage Dinner Bell.

The people that come to the Opry House are basically middle-age, blue collar workers. Having driven from Alabama or Indiana, they are probably visiting the Opry for the first time. They come because of a sense of belonging. To them, the Opry, with its songs dealing with unrequited love, with harshness and loneliness of life, with the struggle of the working man, is an artistic medium through which they can perceive a music expressing the pain, joy, laughter and sorrow that they have felt in their lives. The Opry thrives because it appeals to the hearts of these people; and it will continue to thrive as long as this type of relationship continues.





## Red Cagers Hit On Hard Times

**Bulletin:** The Big Red cagers defeated Father Ryan 50-49 in an excellent game. Greg McNair with 19 points, Joe Thoni with 12, and Frank Garrison with 11 points and a free throw with 30 seconds left provided the winning point led the offense. This ever-improving team, having lost to Ryan by 44 points the first time, won on the hustle of all team members. This is undoubtedly the team's finest game of the year and perhaps a turning point for the rest of the year.

by Paul DeWitt

The Big Red basketballers, to put it mildly, have suffered through a miserable season. As the Bell Ringer went to press the team's record stood at no wins and ten losses.

In only one game against Cohn has MBA had a realistic chance to win. The Big Red, after leading by a point at half-time and by as many as eight points in the first quarter, dropped a 51-50 decision to the Black Knights.

Certainly the season has been a disappointment though the pre-season predictions by some close to the team were not optimistic. The coaches realized that they would have to go with youth and inexperience in a competitive district that included such good

teams as Hillwood, Pearl, and Ryan.

The hope was and still is at this writing that the team will jell and become a respectable team by tournament time. Indeed, recent games have shown that the young Big Red squad is second to none in hustle, desire to win, and learning ability.



Garrison fires one up.

A glance at the team makes it obvious that the two major shortcomings are inexperience and lack of height. Only one player, Greg McNair, saw much playing time in last season's senior-led team. The rest of the players were either varsity reserves or players on the JV or Freshman teams.

The second major factor that has hurt this team is the lack of height. Greg McNair is the tallest player at 6' 5" with no 12 - Montgomery Bell - 8418! other player much over six feet. Other teams have been able to control the boards because of their superior height.

The season began with a 55-35 loss to Antioch and went down-hill rapidly after that. The team was beaten by Ryan, Overton, Hillwood, and Hillsboro before putting up a good fight in a losing cause against Pearl. Since that game the team has been improving gradually.

Although the squad will lose seniors Frank Garrison, Dick Jones, and Greg McNair after this year, there appears to be some fire-power for next year. Juniors Steve Holt and Hill Granbery will be helped by sophomores Joe Thoni and Brad Turney. The experience gained by this year's team will undoubtedly help next season's cagers.

be versatile enough to stop a run or cover receivers short, both of which he does well. Generally, he must avoid or play off the blocks of guards and centers in order to tackle the ball carrier. Larry rates Overton and Ryan as the team's toughest opponents and classifies Phil Stinson and Al Taylor as the best ball-handling quarterbacks MBA faced. Larry credits the coaching staff with preparing the team well enough to sweep its last four games.

With most of the team returning next year, Larry, who will be the captain, entertains high hopes of success. Along with Hill Granbery, he will form a formidable duo at linebacker. At this early stage, Larry feels MBA has as good a shot at the N.I.L. championship as any other school, and plans to do his best to help the team to a fine season.



Captain Brock Baker mauls opponent.

## Grapplers Gain Glory

by Howard Frost, III

As its season is ending, the Varsity Wrestling team shows much promise for good finishes in the District, Regional and State Tournaments in February. Over half the team is expected to place in the first two tournaments, with several individuals doing well in the State Tournament.

With 10 out of 12 starters returning, the Big Red has thus far compiled a 7-1 record with its only loss being in a close match with Father Ryan. The wrestling team posted several crucial wins over Maplewood, McGavock, and Hillwood, feats which place the team second in the AAAA Division behind Ryan.

The team also recorded a M.B. A. wrestling first by capturing a tournament crown in the Overton Invitational. Although the team had only three first place finishers, Mike Cohen, Marc Stengel,

and Chris McClure, and five second place finishers, it almost doubled the nearest team's score.

Michael Cohen, undefeated, Walker Mathews, Brock Baker, Thany Mann, and Chris McClure, each with at least 30 team points, all have good records for the Big Red. In the McGavock match, Mann posted a 40 second pin; in the Maplewood match, Bill Branch defeated his opponent 29-2. MBA has scored 279 team points to the opponents' 144.

The team, under the leadership of captains Brock Baker and Michael Cohen, displays much strength in enthusiasm, experience and depth. The fine job done by Coach Jim Jefferson promises to pay off not only during the remainder of this season but also during next year. Though the team will graduate 5 starters, Mr. Jefferson and the returning wrestlers will surely combine for another successful season.

## Insights into Larry Wieck

by Jimmy Milam

One of the principal satisfactions in watching this year's football team was the swift emergence of bright, young stars. Perhaps the most unexpected, yet important, rise was that of Larry Wieck as the leader of the defense. Behind his phenomenal ascension were a quiet confidence in himself, an impeccable knowledge of football fundamentals and natural talent.

Before the season, Larry's only goals were to play as much as possible and to help the team have a good season. After playing sparingly in the first two games, Larry got his chance to start in the Overton game because of Warren Johnson's illness. Larry responded by making 12 tackles and 14 assists, team high in both departments. Thereafter, he led the defense in tackles in every

single game, averaging 16.5 tackles (including assists) per game. Furthermore, Larry was remarkably consistent; he had no bad games and could not pick out any one performance as standing out above the others.

According to Coach Ridgway, Larry's greatest asset in his uncanny knack of always being in a position to hit. In addition, Larry has good quickness, fair speed, good strength, and unusual alertness on the field, to go along with his ability to discern an opponent's play and react to it instantly. Coupled with his physical talents, Larry possesses a fine attitude, which Coach Ridgway describes as a "quiet confidence in himself" and an even-tempered nature.

Larry attributes his swift emergence as a fine player principally to receiving a chance to play. As a linebacker, Larry must

## Soccer Becomes Bigtime Sport

by Tom Cummings

Soccer was made an official school sport at MBA this year by a vote of the athletic committee after members of the student body and the faculty showed a growing interest in the sport. Interest in soccer has been increasing in Tennessee for several years on the collegiate level and is now beginning to creep into the high schools.

The independent schools, such as military academies, have been the first to compete in this sport. MBA has joined a league of these schools called the Volunteer State Soccer Conference. Included in this conference are MUS, TMI, Baylor, and McCallie, many of which MBA will play at home.

The team this year is coached by Mr. Drake and John Lanier, a Vanderbilt student. Lanier plays goalie for Vanderbilt's team and is one of the top goalies in the South Eastern Conference.

In the season's first game, the Big Red took the field untied against CMA. The offense controlled the whole game as Peter Van Eys scored a goal in the first thirty seconds by heading in a corner kick by Morgan Crawford. Peter and Dan Hartman led the way with three goals apiece. Morgan Crawford added one more to the tally to make the final

score MBA 7, CMA 0.

MUS brought a talented, experienced team to Nashville to test the new Red team. Their offense controlled the ball during the first half, but the defense, composed of Dick Klausner, Dave Mullendore, Peter Jacobson, and Tom Cummings, stifled their scoring efforts. The second half saw more offense from the Big Red with the help of halfbacks Al Marsh and Sam Pentress, but the front line missed experienced

Morgan Entekin who had suffered a sprained ankle earlier in the week. After playing regulation and over time periods the game ended in a scoreless tie. John Brooks collected his second shutout.

The future looks bright for the new Red soccer team as it looks forward to the rest of its season and to the State Tournament at Covenant College in Chattanooga, Feb. 23-25.



Al Marsh heads goalward.

## FOOTBALL IN RETROSPECT

by Paul DeWitt

The MBA football team turned the 1972 season around by winning their last four games and finishing with a 5-4-1 slate. The reversal of early-season form made what looked like a disastrous season into a respectable year.

After a disheartening homecoming loss which saw the Big Red's record drop to 1-4-1, the squad traveled to Springfield to face the Yellow Jackets. Following a first-half field goal by Robert Harris, the Big Red scored two second-half touchdowns to emerge with an 18-0 victory.

The Springfield win was followed by a great upset over an undefeated Pearl team. MBA running backs Thanny Mann and Frank Garrison repeatedly ripped off good gains behind the signaling of Denny Thompson. The defense stood out again, holding the quick Tiger running backs to minimal yardage. A 3rd quarter drive was topped off by a Thompson to Granbery pass for the winning score.

MBA then traveled to Antioch to meet the Bears. The Big Red defense, led by Larry Wieck, registered another shutout, and the offense was able to score three touchdowns to spark the 20-0 win.

The Big Red, now flying high, was in search of its fourth consecutive victory as it faced arch-rival Father Ryan. The season-ending matchup featured the momentum-charged Big Red squad against the sixth-ranked and Metro Bowl-bound Irish outfit. The Big Red drew first blood by sacking the Ryan quarterback

on the end zone for a safety. When the half ended, MBA carried a 9-0 lead from the safety and a touchdown run by Denny Thompson. The second-half saw MBA's defense dominate the action. A bad snap on a punt gave the Big Red a first and goal on Ryan's three, and Hill Granbery punched the ball in for the score two plays later. The defense was impenetrable the rest of the way, thus insuring a 16-0 MBA victory. It was a gratifying way to end a pleasing 5-4-1 season.

### Odds & Ends

—Congratulations to the following players who received awards at the annual football banquet: best blocker—Scott Brittain; the best tackler—Warren Johnson; defensive scrounger award—Larry Wieck; most versatile player—Hill Granbery; the Dr. Chris McClure, Jr. memorial award for dedication, mental toughness, and live of the game—Chris McClure; and the coaches award for outstanding contribution to the team—Jon Nesbitt. In addition, Larry Wieck was chosen next year's captain with Scott Brittain and Warren Johnson the alternate captains.

—Also at the banquet, cross country star Ed Park was honored for his efforts. Park was the first MBA runner to go to the state meet, where he finished a commendable 15th.

—The great upsurge of interest in wrestling was nowhere more obvious than in the match with Father Ryan. Although the Big Red lost the match, the support was excellent and undoubtedly was a great inspiration to the team.